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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A
GRANULAR MICROBIAL BIOMASS AND
ISOLATION OF A COMPOUND
THEREFROM



Examiner: Dr. Irene Marx

Group Art Unit: 1651

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2000 for which a response was due on October 6, 2000. This response date has been extended to January 8, 2001 (January 6, 2000 was a Saturday). The petition for a three-month extension and a check for the requisite fee are enclosed. Kindly enter the following Amendment and Remarks to avoid the need for appeal or to reduce the issues on appeal.